



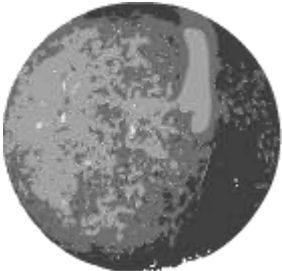
Planet Fact Cards


Name:	Earth	Position:	3 rd from Sun
			
Type of planet:	Terrestrial – Metal & Rock.		
Average temperature:	15 °C.		
Colour:	Green, blue and white.		
Number of moons:	One.		
Length of Day:	24 hours.		
Length of Year:	365 ¼ days.		
Distance from the sun:	149,599,951 km.		
Additional facts:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •70% of the Earth's surface is H₂O •Earth is the only planet not named after a god. •It is the only known planet to support life. 		

Name:	Mars	Position:	4 th from Sun
			
Type of planet:	Terrestrial – Rock.		
Average temperature:	-60 °C.		
Colour:	Red.		
Number of moons:	Two.		
Length of Day:	24 hours and 40 minutes.		
Length of Year:	687 Earth days.		
Distance from the sun:	227,939,920 km.		
Additional facts:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •There are signs of water on Mars. •Mars is home to the tallest mountain in the solar system. •Mars takes its name from the Roman god of war. 		

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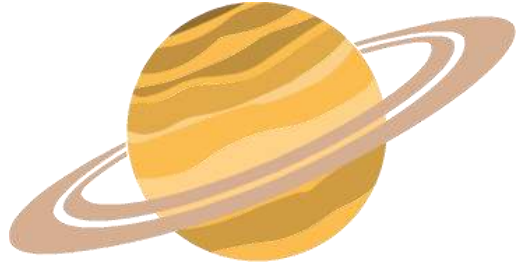
Name:	Mercury	Position:	1 st from Sun
			
Type of planet:	Terrestrial – Rock and Iron.		
Average temperature:	167°C.		
Colour:	Grey.		
Number of moons:	Zero.		
Length of Day:	1407 hours and 30mins.		
Length of Year:	88 days.		
Distance from the sun:	57,910,006 km.		
Additional facts:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Smallest planet in our system. •The most cratered planet in our system. •Only two spacecraft have visited Mercury. 		

Name:	Venus	Position:	2 nd from Sun
			
Type of planet:	Terrestrial – Rock.		
Average temperature:	462°C.		
Colour:	Sandy yellow colour.		
Number of moons:	Zero.		
Length of Day:	2,802 hours.		
Length of Year:	225 days.		
Distance from the sun:	108,199,995 km.		
Additional facts:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Nearly as big as Earth. •Most asteroids are crushed before they hit the surface by the huge atmospheric pressure (92x that of Earth's). 		

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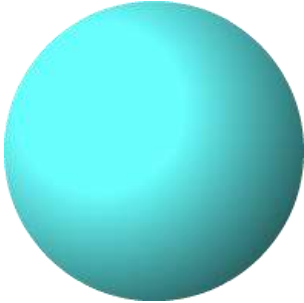
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Name:	Jupiter	Position:	5 th from Sun
			
Type of planet:	Gas giant		
Average temperature:	-145°C (Approx).		
Colour:	white, red, orange, brown & yellow.		
Number of moons:	Sixty-seven.		
Length of Day:	9 hours and 56 minutes.		
Length of Year:	4331 days.		
Distance from the sun:	778,330,257 km.		
Additional facts:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Great Red Spot is a huge storm which has lasted 350+ years. •Jupiter has the shortest day of all planets – 9 hours & 55 minutes. •Jupiter takes 11.8 Earth years to orbit the Sun. 		

Name:	Saturn	Position:	6 th from Sun
			
Type of planet:	Gas giant		
Average temperature:	-178°C (Approx).		
Colour:	Yellow/brown.		
Number of moons:	Sixty-two.		
Length of Day:	10 hours and 42 minutes.		
Length of Year:	10,756 days (Approx).		
Distance from the sun:	1,429,400,028 km.		
Additional facts:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Saturn can be seen easily with a telescope or binoculars. •Saturn’s rings are made from chunks of ice about 20 metres thick. •Galileo Galilei first observed Saturn’s ring system in 1610. 		

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Name:	Uranus	Position:	7 th from Sun
			
Type of planet:	Ice giant.		
Average temperature:	-216°C (Approximately).		
Colour:	Blue and Green appearance.		
Number of moons:	Twenty-seven.		
Length of Day:	17 hours and 14 minutes.		
Length of Year:	30,687 days.		
Distance from the sun:	2,870,989,228 km.		
Additional facts:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Uranus has two sets of coloured rings. •Some of Uranus’ moons are named after characters created by William Shakespeare. 		

Name:	Neptune	Position:	8 th from Sun
			
Type of planet:	Ice giant.		
Average temperature:	-214°C (Approximately).		
Colour:	Blue.		
Number of moons:	Forteen.		
Length of Day:	16 hours and 6 minutes.		
Length of Year:	60,190 days (Approximately)		
Distance from the sun:	4,504,299,579 km.		
Additional facts:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Named after the Roman god of the sea. •Because Neptune is particularly bright and is the furthest planet away from the Sun, it wasn’t discovered until 1846. 		

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